



H.Res. 1421 – Solemnly commemorating the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and remembering those who lost their lives and those who were injured

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1421 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Walter Jones (R-NC) on September 9, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1421 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 24, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1421 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and remembers the service and sacrifice of the victims of the bombing; and
- Joins family and friends in mourning the victims who lost their lives in the tragic bombing.

BACKGROUND

On October 23, 1983 a truck carrying explosives broke through a security gate at the United States Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and killed 241 members of our Armed Services.

This was one of the first acts of terrorism carried out on the American military. It remains the highest death toll from a single act of terrorism overseas since World War II. Soon after the blast the peacekeeping force that had been deployed in the region returned home to avoid further attacks.

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